K. HEN. I blame you not;
For, hearing this, I must perforce compound
With wistful eyes[2], or they will issue too.—
Alarum.
But, hark! what new alarum is this same[3]?—
The French have reinforc'd their scatter'd men:—
Then every soldier kill his prisoners;
Give the word through[4].
Exeunt.

SCENE VII[5].

Another Part of the Field.

Alarums. Enter FLUELLEN *and* *FLU.* Kill the boys and the luggage[6]! 'tis expressly against the law of arms: 'tis as arrant a

[a] With MISTFUL eyes.] The folio— *mixtful*. The passage is not in the quarto. MALONE.

The poet must have wrote — *mistful*: i. e. just ready to overrun with tears. The word he took from his observation of nature: for, just before the bursting out of tears, the eyes grow dim, as if in a mist. WARBURTON.

3 — what new alarum is this same?] The alarum on which Henry ordered the prisoners to be slain, was sounded by the affrighted runaways from his own camp, who brought intelligence that the French had got behind him, and had pillaged it. See a subsequent note. Not knowing the extent of his danger, he gave the order here mentioned, that every soldier should kill his prisoners.

After Henry speaks these words, "what new alarum is this same?" Shakspeare probably intended that a messenger should enter, and secretly communicate this intelligence to him; though by some negligence no such marginal direction appears. MALONE.

* Give the word through.] Here the quartos 1600 and 1608 ridiculously add:

"** *Fist.* Couper gorge." STEEVENS.

5 Scene VII.] Here, in the other editions, they begin the fourth Act, very absurdly, since both the place and time evidently continue, and the words of Fluellen immediately follow those of

the King just before POPE
[Kill the boys and the luggage !] The baggage, during the